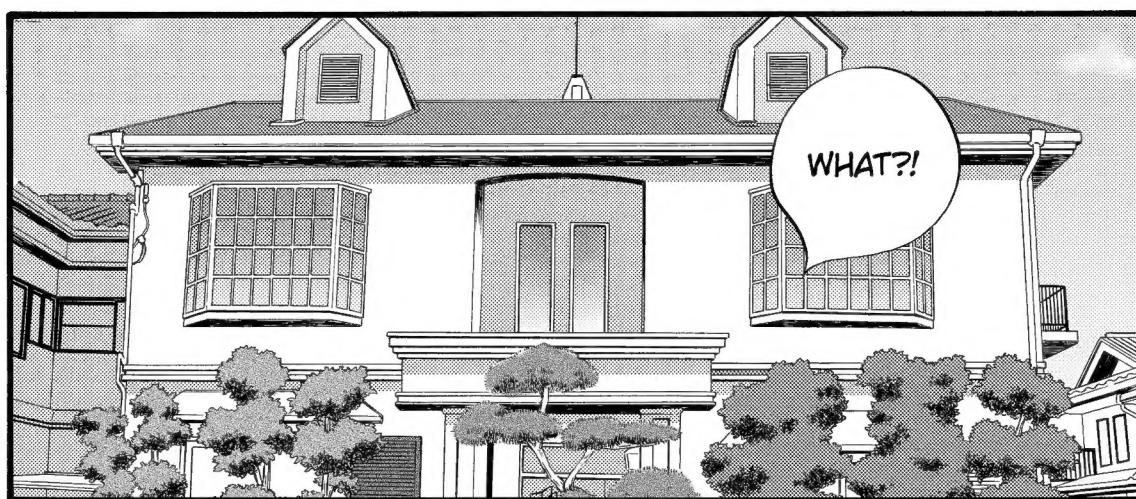
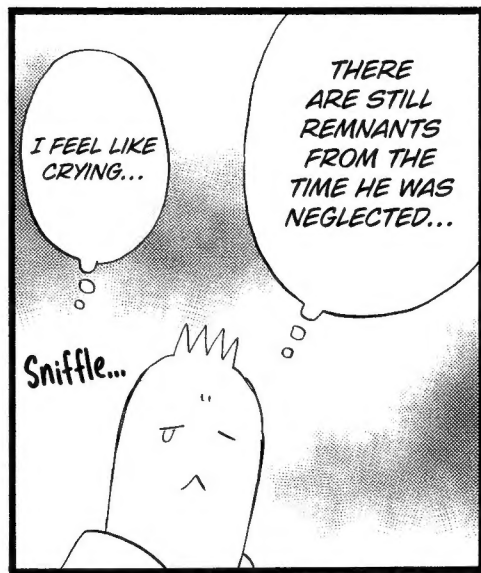
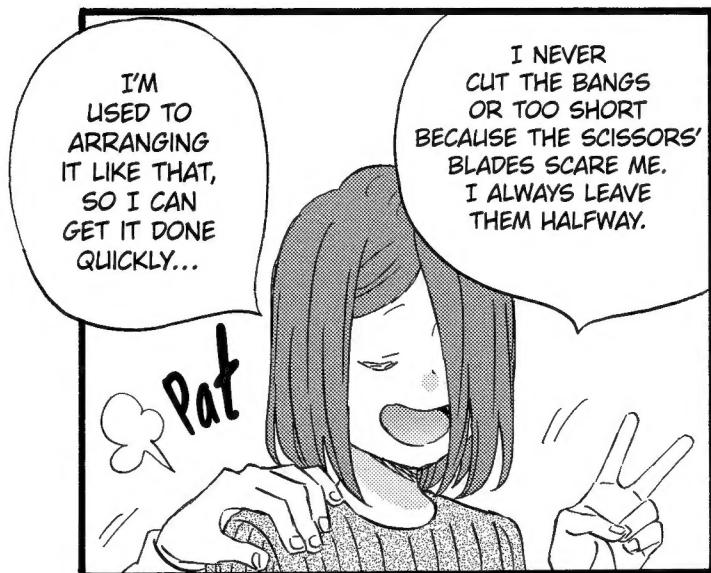
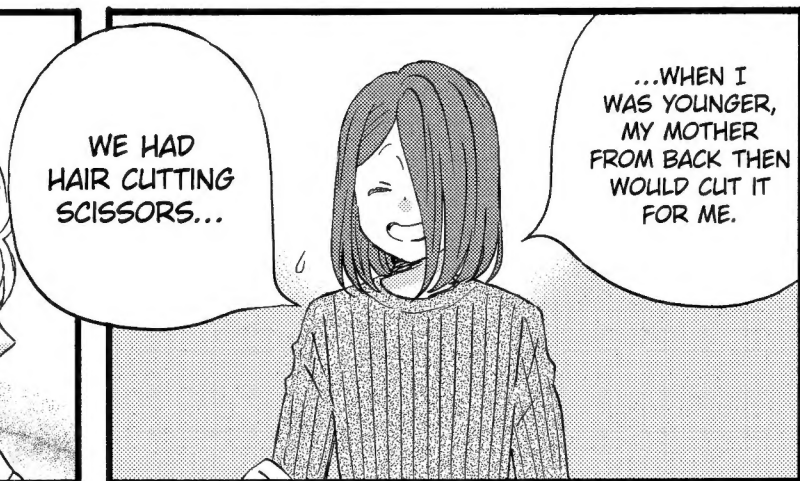
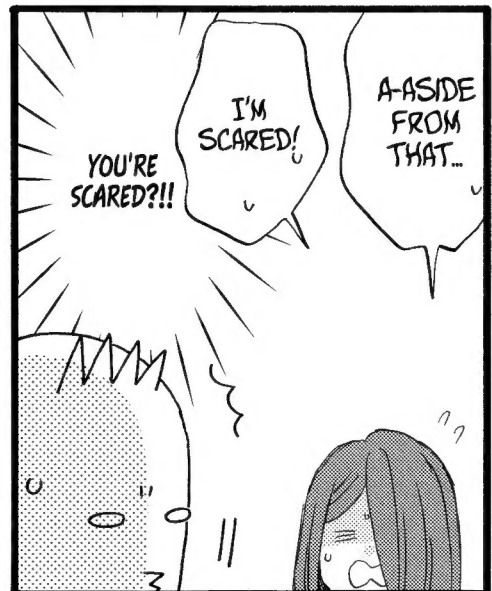
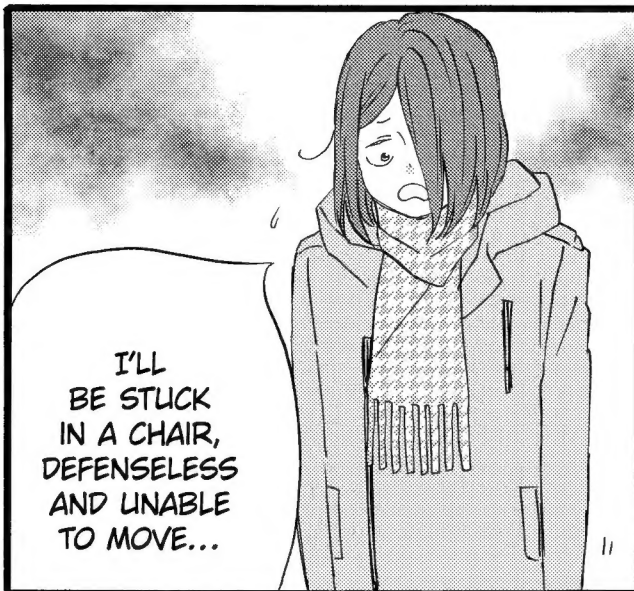
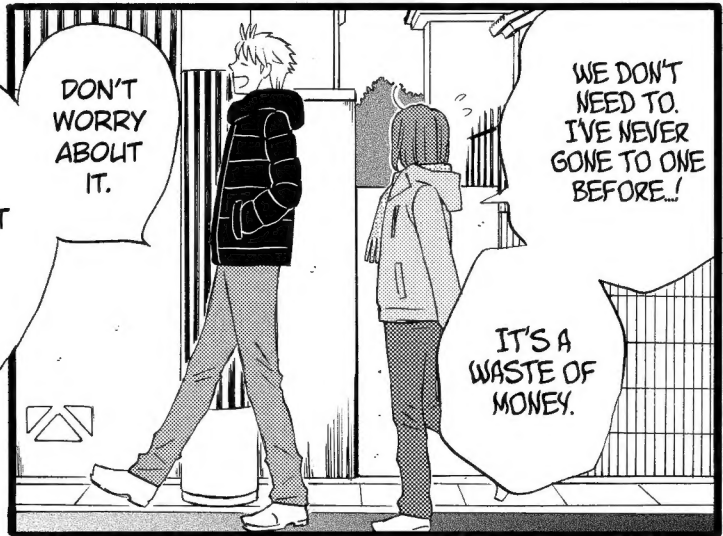
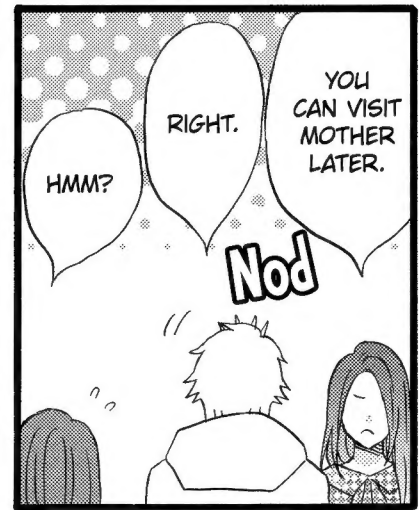








BUT
I MEAN...
THINK
ABOUT
IT.

THEY WON'T.
NO ONE'S GOING
TO KILL YOU.

WHAT IF
THEY TRY TO
KILL ME?

AND THEY'RE
CONSTANTLY
HOLDING A SHARP
OBJECT BEHIND
YOUR BACK.

THE PERSON
WHO CUTS YOUR
HAIR IS A COMPLETE
STRANGER...

Rumble

Rumble

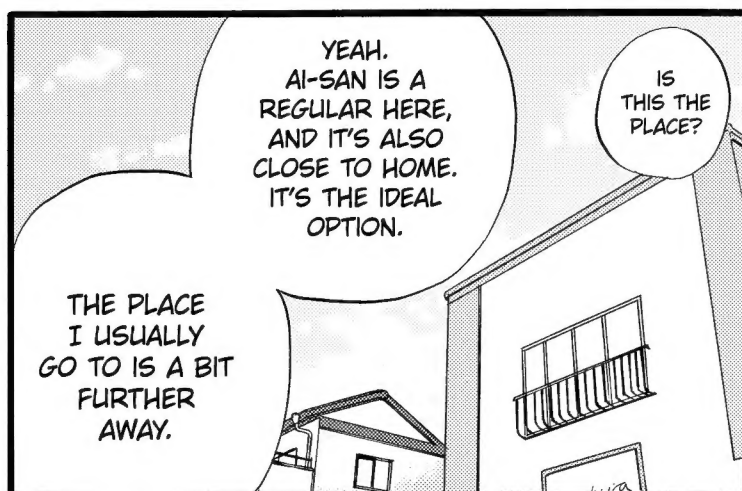
Rumble

A COMPLETE
STRANGER
DOESN'T KNOW
YOU. WHY WOULD
THEY RESENT YOU
SO MUCH THAT
THEY WANT TO
KILL YOU?

BUT LISTEN
TO ME...

WHEN
YOU PUT
IT LIKE THAT,
IT'S CERTAINLY
SCARY.

...ISN'T IT
SCARY?

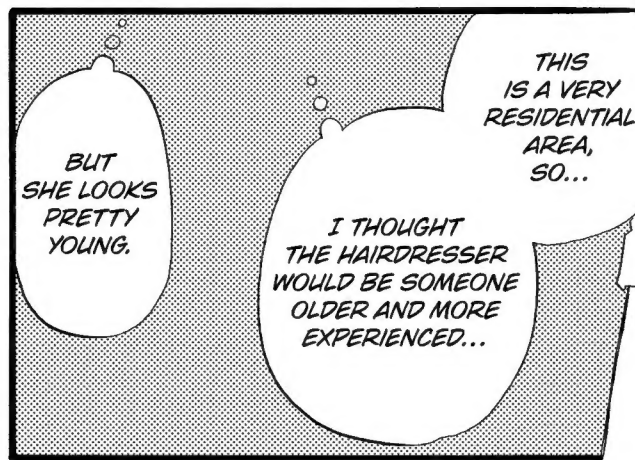




OH,
OF COURSE!
WELCOME!

Smile

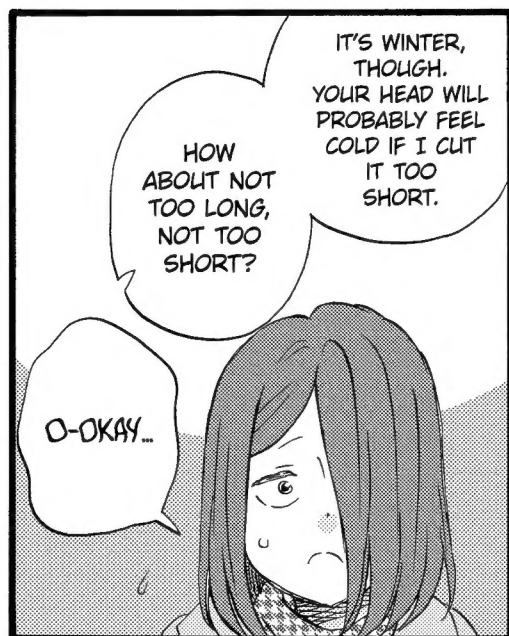
Smile



BUT
SHE LOOKS
PRETTY
YOUNG.

THIS
IS A VERY
RESIDENTIAL
AREA,
SO...

I THOUGHT
THE HAIRDRESSER
WOULD BE SOMEONE
OLDER AND MORE
EXPERIENCED...



HOW
ABOUT NOT
TOO LONG,
NOT TOO
SHORT?

IT'S WINTER,
THOUGH.
YOUR HEAD WILL
PROBABLY FEEL
COLD IF I CUT
IT TOO
SHORT.

O-OKAY...



I SEE.
OH, MY!
YOU LET IT
GROW SO LONG,
IT MUST GET
IN THE
WAY.

THIS
KID NEEDS
A HAIRCUT,
PLEASE.

I'M ONLY
ACCOMPANYING
HIM.



K-KIRISHIMA...
IT'S KIRISHIMA
JUN.

FWSHH...

WHAT'S
YOUR NAME?
DO YOU LIVE
AROUND
HERE?

OH, MY!
KIRISHIMA?

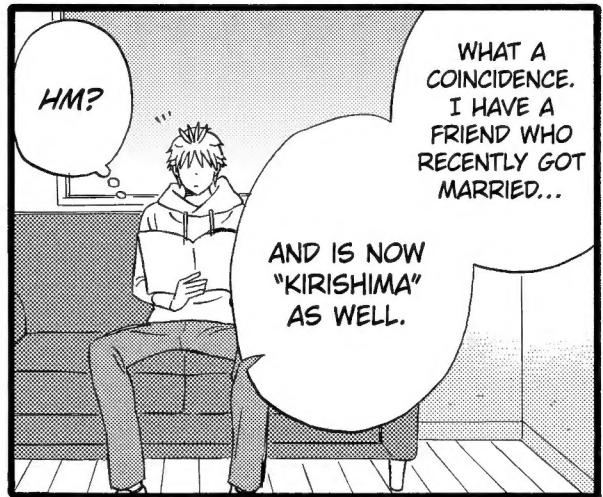


ALL RIGHT.
I'M GOING TO
APPLY THE
SHAMPOO
FIRST.



THERE'S A
GOOD CHANCE
THIS PERSON
IS AI-SAN'S
FRIEND.

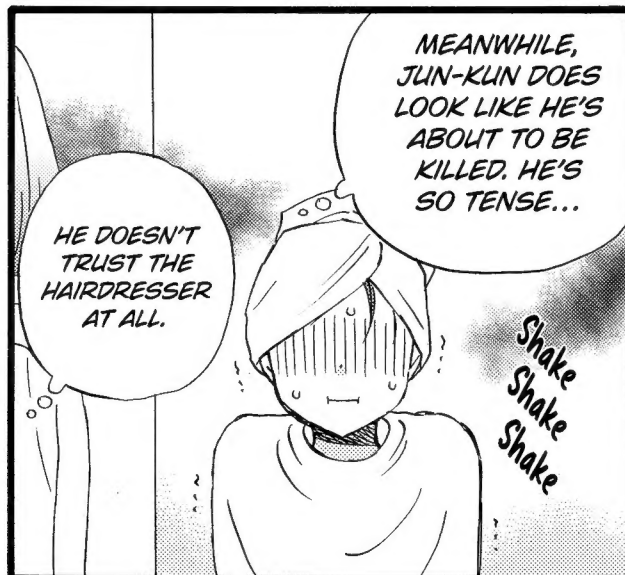
AI-SAN IS
A REGULAR
CUSTOMER AT
THIS HAIR SALON,
RIGHT?



HM?

WHAT A
COINCIDENCE.
I HAVE A
FRIEND WHO
RECENTLY GOT
MARRIED...

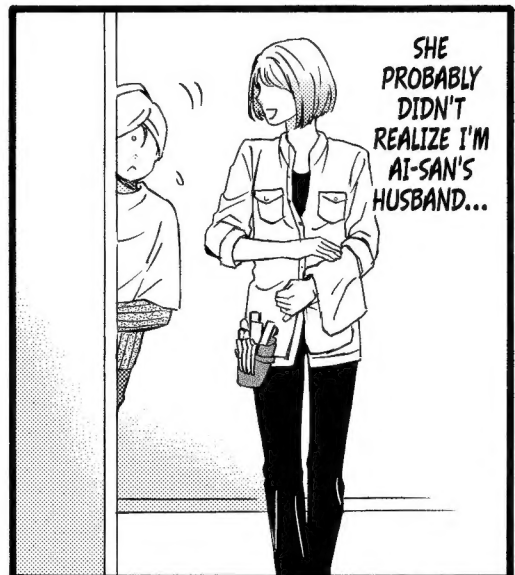
AND IS NOW
"KIRISHIMA"
AS WELL.



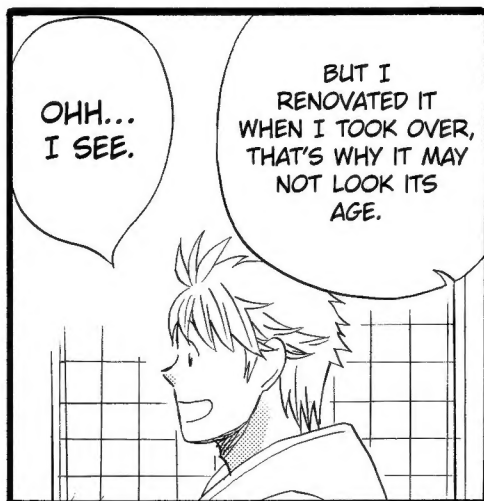
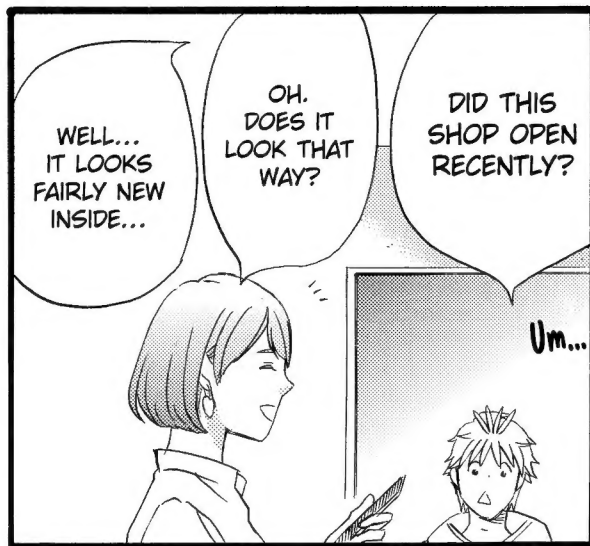
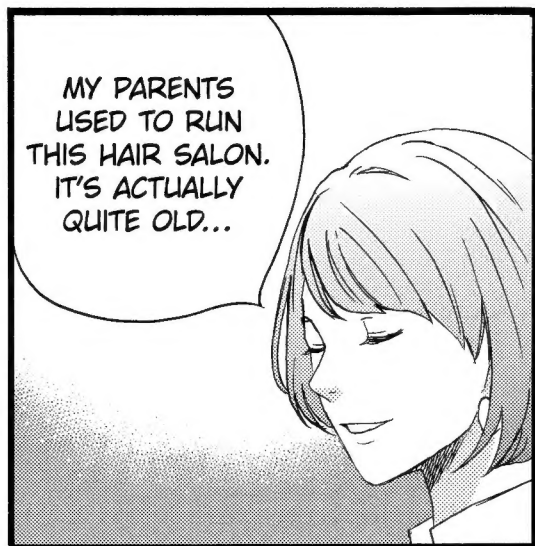
HE DOESN'T
TRUST THE
HAIRDRESSER
AT ALL.

MEANWHILE,
JUN-KUN DOES
LOOK LIKE HE'S
ABOUT TO BE
KILLED. HE'S
SO TENSE...

Shake
Shake
Shake



SHE
PROBABLY
DIDN'T
REALIZE I'M
AI-SAN'S
HUSBAND...



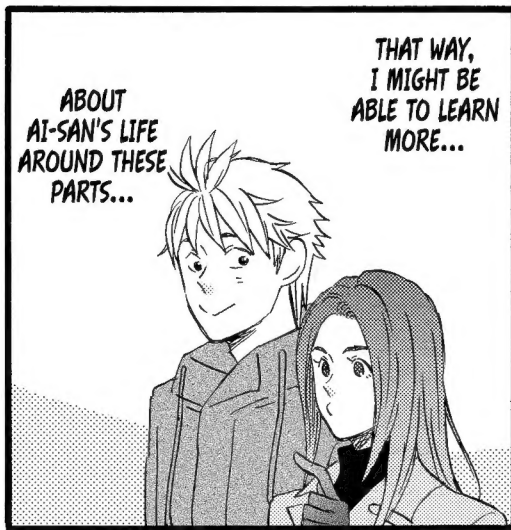


IF YOU LOOK
AROUND, THIS
NEIGHBORHOOD
FOR FRAGMENTS
OF AI-SAN'S LIFE,
FOR HER
MEMORIES...

YOU MAY
FIND SOME
HERE AND
THERE.

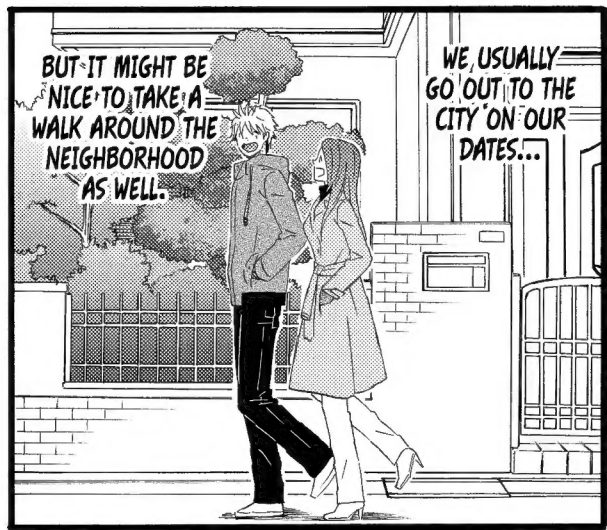
THERE
WAS THE
PARK WHERE I
USED TO PLAY ALL
THE TIME, THE
PUBLIC SQUARE,
THE CANDY
STORE...

JUST
LIKE ME,
BACK IN MY
HOMETOWN...



ABOUT
AI-SAN'S LIFE
AROUND THESE
PARTS...

THAT WAY,
I MIGHT BE
ABLE TO LEARN
MORE...

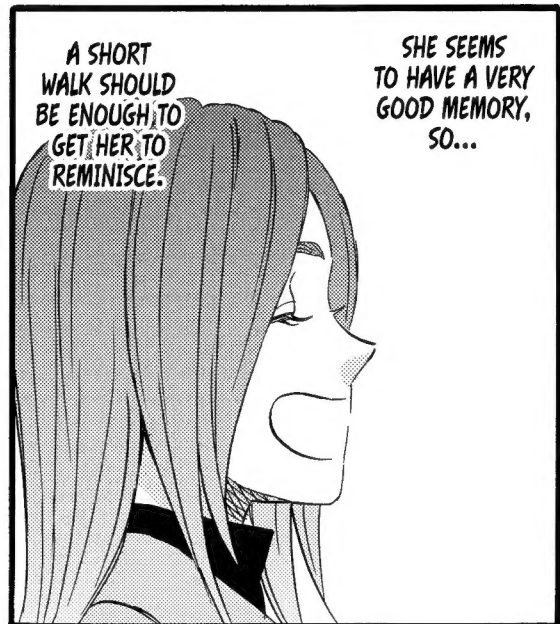


BUT IT MIGHT BE
NICE TO TAKE A
WALK AROUND THE
NEIGHBORHOOD
AS WELL.

WE USUALLY
GO OUT TO THE
CITY ON OUR
DATES...

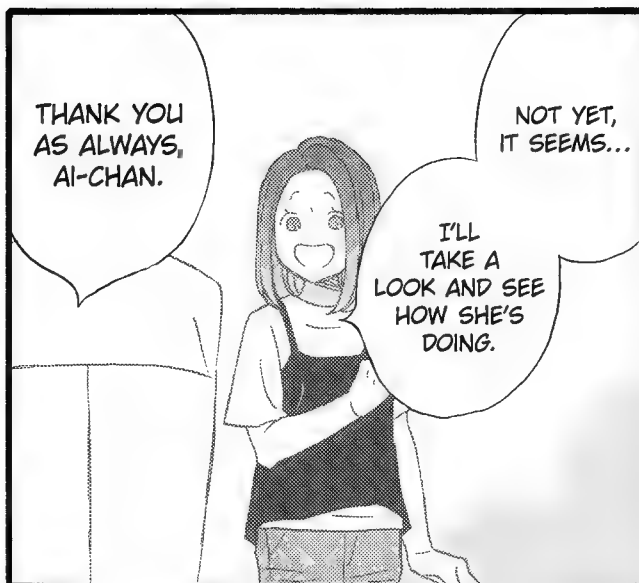
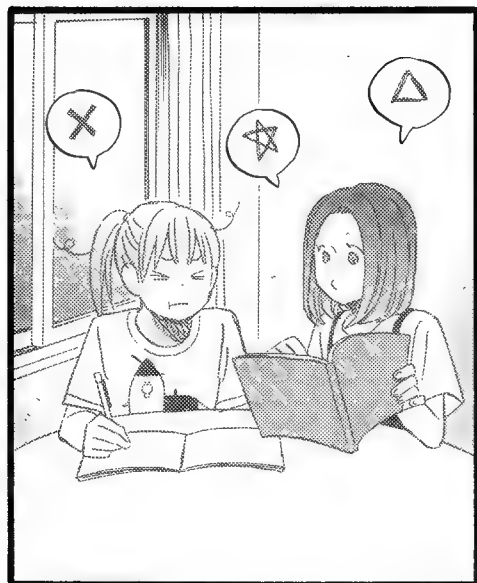
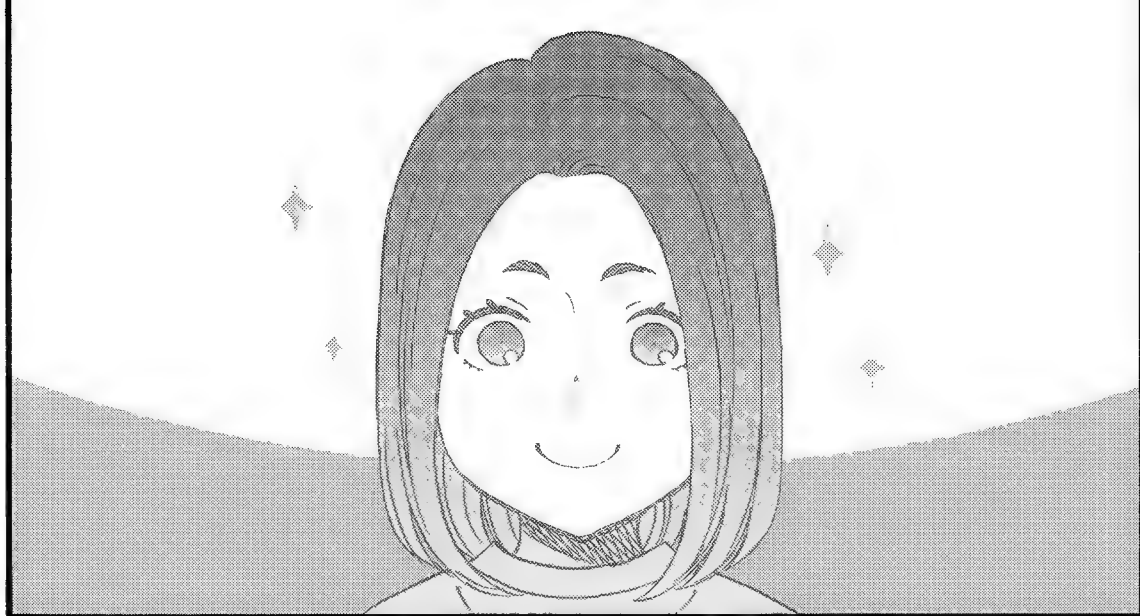


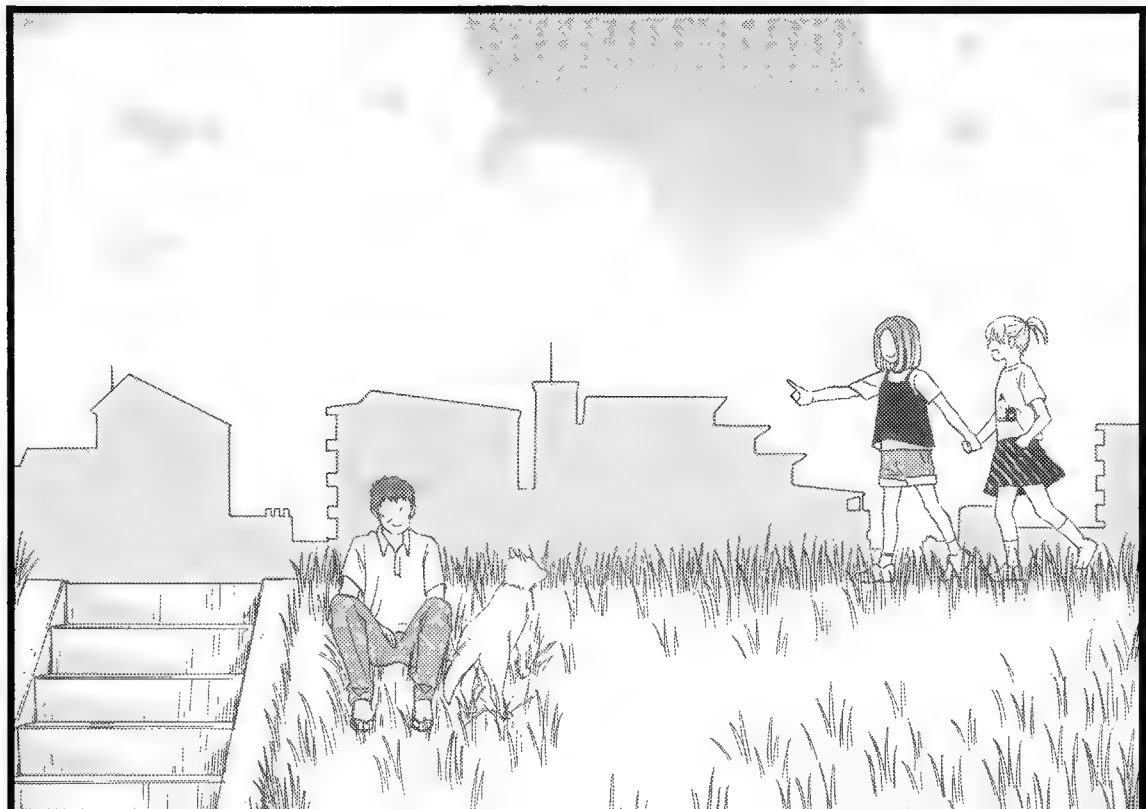
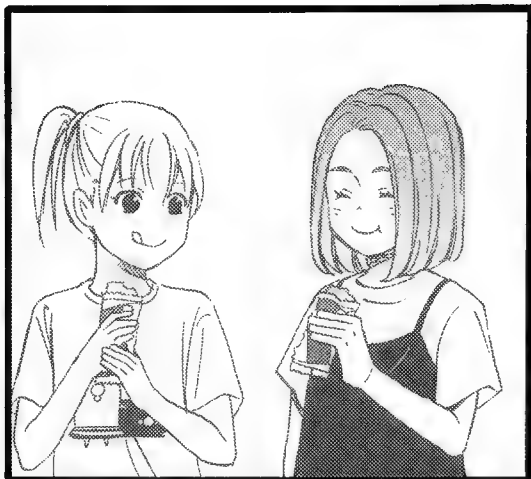
ALL RIGHT.
IT'S DONE,
AI-CHAN!

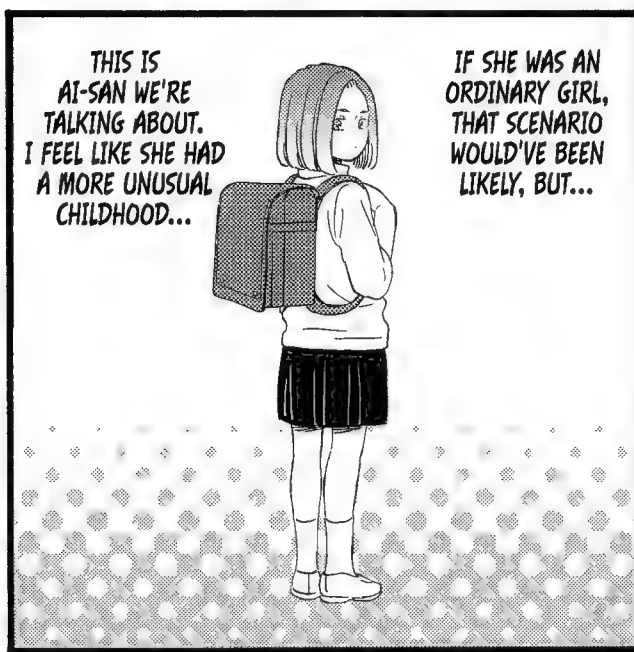
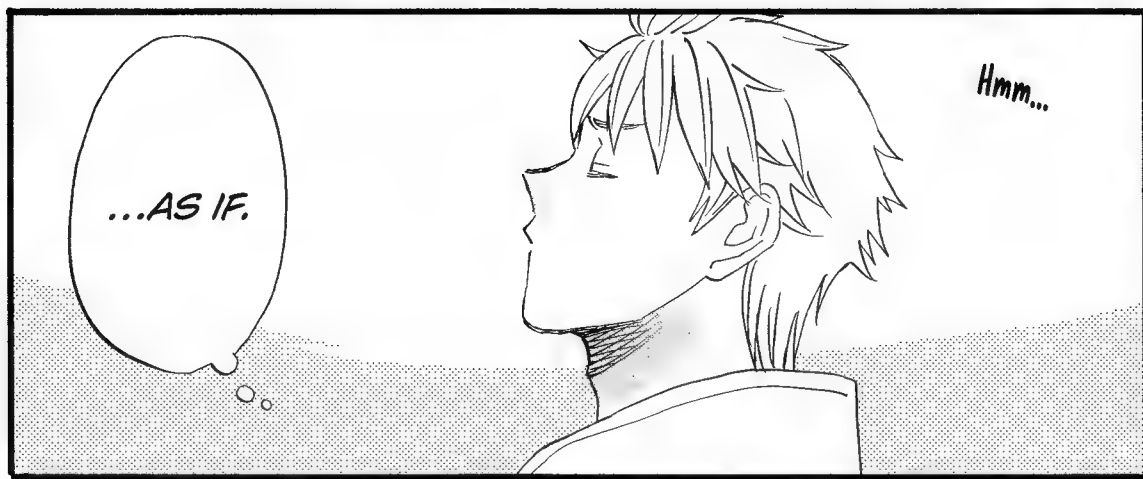
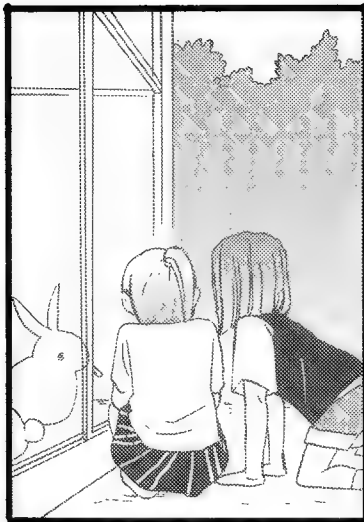
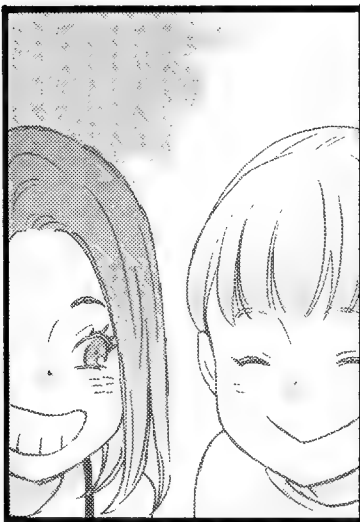
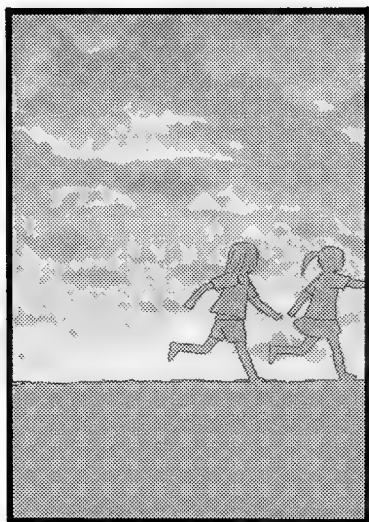


A SHORT
WALK SHOULD
BE ENOUGH TO
GET HER TO
REMINISCE.

SHE SEEMS
TO HAVE A VERY
GOOD MEMORY,
SO...



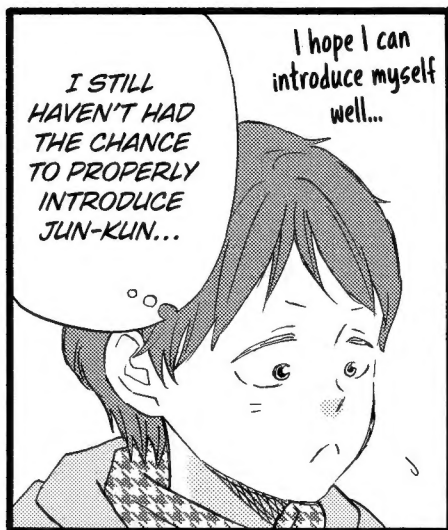


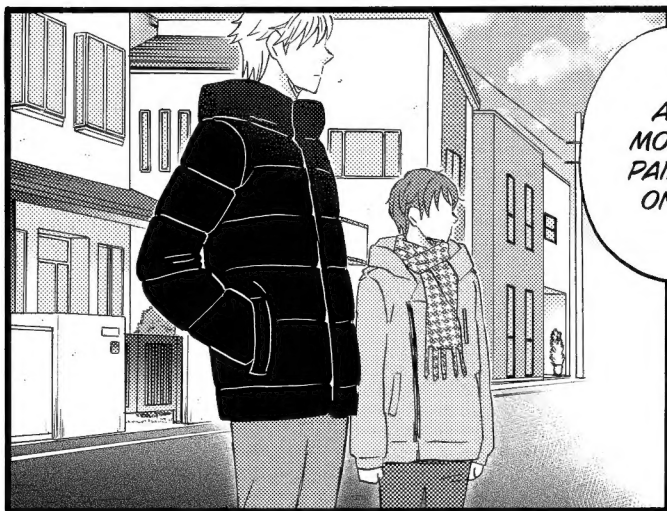
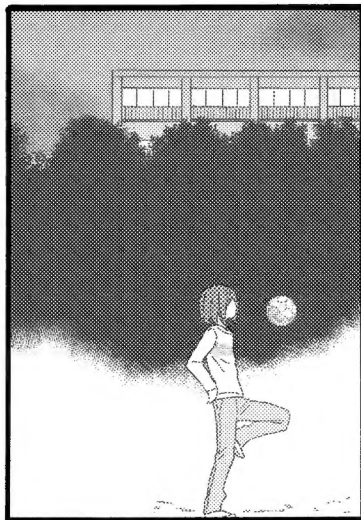
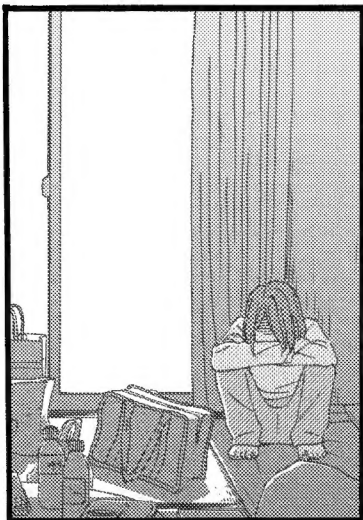


THIS IS
AI-SAN WE'RE
TALKING ABOUT.
I FEEL LIKE SHE HAD
A MORE UNUSUAL
CHILDHOOD...

IF SHE WAS AN
ORDINARY GIRL,
THAT SCENARIO
WOULD'VE BEEN
LIKELY, BUT...









THANK YOU!
ONCE IT GROWS
BACK, LET'S GO
TO THAT SHOP
AGAIN!



I WONDER HOW
MANY TIMES I'LL
HAVE TO GO THERE
BEFORE I BECOME
A REGULAR...



IT WOULD
BE GREAT...

IF THAT
HAIR SALON
COULD BECOME
A HAPPY LITTLE
FRAGMENT OF
JUN-KUN'S
LIFE.

